

# WASHINGTON GUIDE



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## Emergency Contacts

General emergency number: 911

## Essential Information

The capital of the US will surprise you if solemn and uptight metropolis is what you expected. The seat of President, Congress, Supreme Court and many, many other state-related, bureaucratic and official buildings is also distinctive for its extraordinary ethnic variety, vast parklands and pleasant walking scale of the streets.

You can easily forget about time in Washington: there are abundant free museums with the most remarkable collections where you can easily spend hours. The history is ever-present, too: profound monuments and memorials illustrate the most important events in the country's past.

It would be a mistake to see Washington just as a rigid museum of American history, though. The present is as captivating as ever – apart from the political happenings, there are vibrant cultural institutions showcasing wonderful performances, lively shopping and partying streets and colorful ethnic neighborhoods with their own culture and celebrations – Washington of the 21st century is a place to be!

### Time Zone

EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) – UTC/GMT -5 hours.  
Daylight saving time +1 hour, March to November.

### Contacts

Tourist Contacts

Visitor information: +1 800 422 8644, +1 202 789 7000

Currency: United States dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Money can be easily exchanged in banks and exchange bureaus. Note that banks usually add quite a high service fee and bureaus might have less desirable rates. The most convenient way is to withdraw your money from ATMs.

It is also customary to pay with your card – almost everywhere, for almost anything. Check for the compatibility of your cards in advance, though, and note that some may have more favorable rates. All the major cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Diners Club) are widely accepted.

### Tax Refunds

There is no VAT in the United States. There are various other taxes such as sales or occupancy but no refund scheme in operation in Washington, D.C.

### Prices

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – \$15
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-courses – \$60
- Combo meal at McDonald's – \$6.50
- Bottle of water at supermarket (0,33l) – \$1.50
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – \$4
- Cappuccino – \$4
- Gasoline (1 liter) – \$1
- Hostels (average price/night) – \$20-30
- 4\* hotel (average price/night) – \$100-200
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – \$40-50

### Tipping

Tipping is customary, usually 15 to 20%. Keep in mind that tipping is gratuitous and should reflect the quality of service you get. The usual tip for

taxi drivers is 10% and \$1 for hotel attendants (per days spent) and porters (per bag).

## Electricity

The standard electricity supply in the USA is 120V – 60 Hz. The standard plug has two vertical pins. You will probably need a converter or at least an adapter.

## Languages

Unsurprisingly, the main spoken language is American English. Spanish is widely spoken, too. You can cope easily if you have at least a communicative command of English.

## Mobile Phones

Two of the main communication providers (AT&T, T-Mobile) use the GSM standard, compatible with the majority of European phones – check the compatibility of your phone in advance. The dominant standard, CDMA, is incompatible with the rest of the world.

American roaming is quite expensive. If staying for a longer duration, you might consider purchasing an American SIM card.

International access code for the USA: +1 Area code for Washington, DC: 202

## Internet

It is easy to connect to the Internet in Washington. There are many Wi-Fi hotspots, the majority of them free. Or you can, visit a local library or café – the majority of them are connected. The hotels and hostels usually provide some kind of connection, too. A map of Wi-Fi hotspots in Washington can be found on the Washington, D.C. Wi-Fi Hot Spot Map ([dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov](http://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov))

## Internet Resources

- Official Tourist Website ([washington.org](http://washington.org))
- Washington for Kids ([kids.dc.gov](http://kids.dc.gov))
- Washington History ([www.history.com](http://www.history.com))

- January 1 – **New Year's Day**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (Third Monday in January)
- **Washington's Birthday** (Third Monday in February)
- April 16 – **Emancipation Day**
- **Memorial Day** (Last Monday in May)
- July 4 – **Independence Day**
- **Labor Day** (First Monday in September)
- **Columbus Day** (Second Monday in October)
- November 11 – **Veterans' Day**
- **General Election Day** (Tuesday after 1st Monday in November in even-numbered years)
- **Thanksgiving Day** (Fourth Thursday in November)
- December 25 – **Christmas Day**

Note that the majority of sights, malls, shops and offices close for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Always check the opening times of sights and museums for the other holidays.

## Opening Hours

The general shopping hours are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 or 9 p.m., but some shops close at or don't open until noon on Sunday. Banks and post offices are usually open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the working week.

Museums and sights are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended opening times one day a week. Always check the institutions you're interested in specifically as opening hours vary.

## Public Transportation

The public transport is well adjusted, quick and comfortable. It consists of Metro and various types of buses.

**Metrorail** (wmata.com) – the backbone of Washington's public transport. There are five lines connecting the majority of neighborhoods with downtown. The fares vary according to the time of the day and distance traveled. In order to use public transport, you need to purchase a Farecard at a vending machine. These cards can be reused. You will need one in order to enter and leave the station.

Peak fares range between \$2.10 and \$5.75, off-peak \$1.70 to \$3.50. If going to use public transport a lot, consider purchasing Metrorail Pass. One day costs \$14, a seven-day pass for off-peak trips costs \$35. Alternatively, you can also buy the SmarTrip chip card at the Metro stations for even better fares.

**Metrobus** (wmata.com) – buses that are an integral part of the Metro system and consist of a dense net of routes covering the whole city, including the suburbs. The system may seem a bit chaotic, nevertheless the Metro website (wmata.com) has a useful route planner. You can pay with Farecard or SmarTrip.

**DC Circulator Bus** (www.dccirculator.com) – primarily aimed at tourists and visitors to the city. Predictably, it connects the main transport hubs, main sights and other tourist-attractive sites. The flat fare is \$1 per ride and there are also One-Day (\$3), 3-Day (\$7) and Weekly (\$11) passes. The bus stops are usually well-posted with routes, lines and schedules.

Note that no food or drinks are allowed on public transport. Unlike other places, the rule is strictly enforced in Washington.

## Taxis

Getting a taxi is very easy in Washington – the taxi market is unregulated and there are many competing companies. The minimum fare is \$3 for the first mile, then \$2.16 for every subsequent mile. There are surcharges for additional passengers and luggage. Always ask for a receipt and have your cash ready, not all cabs accept cards.

Taxi companies:

- ABC Cab Association: +1 202 398 0526
- Noble Cab: +1 202 526 7215
- American Cab Association: +1 202 398-0529

## Regional Transportation

**Buses** – the majority of intercity connections are operated by Greyhound. Other popular companies are BoltBus, Megabus and Chinatown Bus. Tickets can usually be bought online in advance; the sooner, the cheaper.

- Greyhound (www.greyhound.com)
- BoltBus (www.boltbus.com)
- Megabus (us.megabus.com)
- Chinatown Bus (www.chinatown-bus.org)

**Trains** – there are express trains (Acela) that are quite expensive and cover only a limited number of routes. Hourly services run between the main cities of the area (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC and more). The regular service is provided by Amtrak and Maryland-based MARC. Express tickets are best bought in advance.

- Acela (www.amtrak.com)
- Amtrak (www.amtrak.com)

- MARC Train (mta.maryland.gov)

## Driving

Expect driving in downtown Washington to be difficult and annoying. The parking is very expensive and scarce. Street layout is chaotic with many one-way streets and regular closures, not to mention the heavy congestion. Leave your car in the suburbs and hop on the Metro or Circulator bus! Note that the on-street parking is limited to two hours and this time is really enforced. Rush hours are best avoided as you might get totally stuck. The situation is slightly better during the week-ends.

On the other hand, driving is unsurprisingly the most practical way of getting around once outside the metropolitan area. However, roads can be heavily congested due to the dense population and drivers can be quite aggressive.

- Speed limits in urban areas – 30 mph
- Rural interstates – 65 mph
- Highways and interstate highways in urban areas – 55 mph
- Highways – 100 km/h (62 mph)
- Blood alcohol limit – .08 bac (0,8 pro mille)
- Hands-free is the only legal way to use a cell phone when driving.
- Seat-belts are compulsory.

## Walkability

It might come as a surprise that Washington is a walkable city, at least the downtown. The majority of the sights are located within walking distance of one another and the pedestrian infrastructure connects to the public transport well. Washington constantly ranks among the most walkable cities in the US.

You can also easily rent a bike through the Capital Bikeshare (capitalbikeshare.com) service which

has a dense net of stations even beyond downtown. The rental fee starts at \$7 per day. There are many nice biking trails designed purposely for tourists – trails go through nice streets and connect the main sights. Despite all these efforts, you should keep in mind that you're in the US where cars have their way – be extremely cautious and definitely avoid the main thoroughfares.

Accessibility doesn't fall behind. The majority of sights are well accessible as is public transport. More information can be found in the city's disability guide (www.disabilityguide.org)

Washington is a perfect place to sample cuisines you may have never tasted or even heard of – such as Ethiopian, Afghan, Uruguayan or Salvadoran. Chinese food is popular too. The only true Washingtonian specialty is **half-smoke hot dog**, a hot dog with a half-smoked sausage topped with chilli – sold almost on every corner. Other must-haves include:

- cupcakes, with huge variety
- jelly cake – buttery pound cake with jam
- salty oat cookies
- buckwheat pancakes

Washington was the first city to introduce daiquiri to the US. Its signature drink, though, is Rickey, which is gin or whiskey with lime juice and soda. Gragnano is a sweet fizzy wine. It's not local, but very popular, as is Tej, a soft Ethiopian mead. Non-alcoholic specialties: Homemade lemonade, toasted marshmallow milkshake, Nutella latte.

## Legal Age

The legal drinking age is 21.

Note that it is illegal to drink in public spaces, or even to be in possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

The bars and pubs close at 2 a.m. during the weekdays, at 3 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and the night before holiday. On New Year's Eve, the last call is at 4 a.m.

## January

- Washington Auto Show ([www.washingtonautoshow.com](http://www.washingtonautoshow.com))

## March

- The National Cherry Blossom Festival ([www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org))
- St. Patrick's Day Parade ([dcstpatparade.com](http://dcstpatparade.com))

## April

- Washington International Film Festival ([www.filmfestdc.org](http://www.filmfestdc.org))

## May

- Memorial Day ([www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com](http://www.nationalmemorialdayparade.com))
- Rolling Thunder ([rollingthunderrun.com](http://rollingthunderrun.com))

## June

- The Smithsonian Folklife Festival ([www.festival.si.edu](http://www.festival.si.edu))
- Caribbean Carnival ([www.dccaribbeancarnival.org](http://www.dccaribbeancarnival.org))

## July

- Independence Day

## September

- National Book Festival ([www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov))

## November

- Veterans Day Celebration

## December

- National Christmas Tree Lighting and Pageant of Peace ([www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org))

## Free Things To Do

- National Mall
- National Zoological Park
- John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts's Millennium Stage – free performances every day at 6 p.m.
- National Gallery of Art
- Old Stone House
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Rock Creek Park
- National Archives
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Botanic Garden
- Library of Congress
- Mexican Cultural Institute
- National Arboretum
- Pope John Paul II Cultural Center
- Franciscan Monastery

## Shopping

The most typical thing you can buy in Washington, D.C. is merchandise with a presidential theme – everything from mugs and flags to books. Political paraphernalia falls into the same category. Should you wish to buy something more decorative, things with cherry blossom design make for much-loved souvenirs.

- DO reserve enough time for Washington – there's plenty to see for four and more days.
- DO rent a bike and discover the city via its scenic touristic lines.
- DO expect heavy security checks.
- DO NOT think you can see more than one museum a day – overwhelming!
- DO NOT expect any Washingtonian specialties. Instead, indulge in sampling the rich variety of ethnic cuisines!

## Safety

The central parts of Washington, where you are most likely to spend all your time, are generally considered safe as in any other big American city. Nevertheless, the central areas have been gentrified thoroughly and thus pose certain security risks. Especially the Shaw and Adams Morgan-Columbia Heights neighborhoods are empty after working hours, which significantly increases the risk of being robbed. Apply your common sense: avoid badly-lit and abandoned areas, never flash your expensive belongings, stay sober and avoid walking alone. Always keep an eye on your things and try to avoid any conflict on the street. Be vigilant on public transport, too and do look out for pickpockets.

Despite the situation having greatly improved since the 90's, there are still some neighborhoods (such as areas east of the Anacostia River) deemed unsafe and with a high violence rate. Don't be put off, though. You are unlikely to travel to those places and tourists are rarely a target of this gang-related violence.

When visiting important monuments, do expect your baggage to be searched thoroughly.

The tap water is safe to drink.





- ### Must See Things in Washington D.C. A-Z
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| <b>A</b> Vietnam Veterans Memorial                     | <b>N</b> Ford's Theatre                     |
| <b>B</b> Lincoln Memorial                              | <b>O</b> Old Post Office Pavilion           |
| <b>C</b> Korean War Veterans Memorial                  | <b>P</b> National Museum of Natural History |
| <b>D</b> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial | <b>Q</b> Smithsonian Institution            |
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| <b>F</b> National World War II Memorial                | <b>S</b> International Spy Museum           |
| <b>G</b> White House                                   | <b>T</b> The U.S. National Archives         |
| <b>H</b> Old Ebbitt Grill                              | <b>U</b> National Air and Space Museum      |
| <b>I</b> Washington Monument                           | <b>V</b> United States Botanic Garden       |
| <b>J</b> Jefferson Memorial                            | <b>W</b> U. S. Capitol                      |
| <b>K</b> Bureau of Engraving and Printing              | <b>X</b> Union Station                      |
| <b>L</b> National Museum of American History           | <b>Y</b> Supreme Court                      |
| <b>M</b> Matchbox Pizza                                | <b>Z</b> Library of Congress                |



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## Vietnam Veterans Memorial

A moving memorial and an architectural gem. The surrounding walls with the names of the fallen soldiers enhance the atmosphere.

GPS: N38.89043, W77.04738

### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

### Admission:

Admission to the memorial is free.

**A**


## Lincoln Memorial

One of Washington's most beloved memorials and the place where Martin Luther King delivered the 'I Have a Dream' speech. A must-visit.

GPS: N38.88930, W77.05011

### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

### Admission:

Free entry.

**B**


## Korean War Veterans Memorial

A touching memorial featuring intriguing architecture. The statues of the soldiers and the Pool of Remembrance are not to be missed.

GPS: N38.88778, W77.04722

### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

### Admission:

Admission to the memorial is free.

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### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

A monument to the most known civil rights activist. A beautiful sculpture featuring several of King's quotes.

GPS: N38.88611, W77.04417

#### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

#### Admission:

Free entry.

D



### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

A beautiful memorial to one of US presidents. The five water areas create a unique scenery, complimenting the quotes set in stone.

GPS: N38.88319, W77.04260

#### Phone:

+1 202 426 6841

#### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

#### Admission:

Admission to the memorial is free.

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### National World War II Memorial

A grand WWII memorial. The scenery with the pool is simply breath-taking and definitely worth a visit.

GPS: N38.88940, W77.04052

#### Phone:

+1 202 619 7222

#### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

#### Admission:

Admission to the memorial is free.

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### White House

Seat of the US president and one of the symbols of the United States. Offers regular guided tours and is a must-see.

1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20500, USA

GPS: N38.89767, W77.03652

#### Phone:

+1 202 208 1631

#### Opening hours:

Self-guided tours:

Tue – Thu: 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Fri: 7:30 a.m. – noon

Sat: 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Submit your public tour request through your Member of Congress up to six months in advance and no less than 21 days in advance.

#### Admission:

Free entry.

G



### Old Ebbitt Grill

This historical restaurant serves delicious American cuisine and fresh oysters on top. Great atmosphere and location.

675 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA

GPS: N38.89810, W77.03387

#### Phone:

+1 202 347 4800

#### Opening hours:

Mon – Fri:

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dinner: 5 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Late Night: 12 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Sat – Sun:

Brunch: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

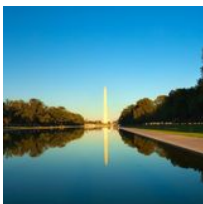
Dinner: 4 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Late Night: 12 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Sun – Thu: bars remain open until 2 a.m.

Fri – Sat: bars remain open until 3 a.m.

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## Washington Monument

An elegant obelisk and one of the city's landmarks. You can even ascend to the top and enjoy the stunning view. A must-see.

GPS: N38.88947, W77.03524

### Phone:

+1 202 426 6841

### Opening hours:

This monument is currently closed until 2014.

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## Jefferson Memorial

A beautiful classical memorial to one of the Founding Fathers. Offers terrific views across the water.

GPS: N38.88139, W77.03667

### Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Rangers on duty: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Interpretive programs: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the hour

### Admission:

Admission to the memorial is free.

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## Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The place where all the dollars get printed. A fascinating process which you can witness through the guided tours.

14th and C Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20228, USA

GPS: N38.88545, W77.03164

### Phone:

+1 877 874 4114

### Opening hours:

Tours:

Sept – Feb: every 15 minutes from

9 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mar – Aug: every 15 minutes

Mar 4 – Mar 22: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mar 25 – Aug 30: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Visitor Center:

Sept – Feb: Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Door closes at 3 p.m.

Mar: Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

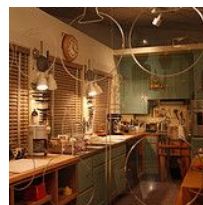
Apr – Aug: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Admission:

Free entry.

During the peak season you should get your free tickets early in the morning.

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## National Museum of American History

Not just a boring history museum. This one has various items on display that used to belong to the presidents – and much more. Worth the visit.

1400 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20560, USA

GPS: N38.89129, W77.02999

### Phone:

+1 202 633 1000

### Opening hours:

Open daily: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., however hours can extend to 7:30 p.m. – check the official website

Dec 25: closed

### Admission:

Admission to the museum is free.

L



### Matchbox Pizza

One of Washington's popular pizza places. Can get a little crowded, but the food is delicious and the atmosphere friendly.

713 H Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001, USA

GPS: N38.89999, W77.02255

**Phone:**

+1 202 289 4441

**Opening hours:**

Mon – Thu: 11 a.m. – last seating 10:30 p.m.

Fri: 11 a.m. – last seating 11:30 p.m.

Sat: 10 a.m. – last seating 11:30 p.m.

Sun: 10 a.m. – last seating 10:30 p.m.

Sat – Sun brunch: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Brunch menu available on all holiday Mondays.

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### Ford's Theatre

The place where Abraham Lincoln was fatally wounded is still alive and regularly performing plays. You can also take the historic tour.

511 Tenth St, NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA

GPS: N38.89652, W77.02578

**Phone:**

+1 202 347 4833

**Opening hours:**

Box Office:

When there is an evening performance: 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

When there is no evening performance: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Opening hours vary according to the event.

**Admission:**

Theater tours – advance individual ticket: \$2.50, can be bought online in advance. Alternatively, on the day of your visit, you can get a free ticket in the box office on a first-come first-serve basis.

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### Old Post Office Pavilion

This place is both a chic shopping mall and a favourite observation deck amongst the visitors of the city.

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA

GPS: N38.89444, W77.02743

**Phone:**

+1 202 289 4224

**Opening hours:**

Mar 28 – Labor Day:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sun: noon – 6:30 p.m.

Labor Day – Mar 27:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sun: noon – 6 p.m.

Clock Tower:

Labor Day – Memorial Day:

Mon – Sat: 9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Sun: noon – 5:45 p.m.

Memorial Day – Labor Day:

Mon – Sat: 9 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sun: noon – 5:45 p.m.

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### National Museum of Natural History

A vast museum with all sorts of interactive, entertaining exhibits. See the dinosaurs, the Hope diamond and much more. A must-visit.

10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20560, USA

GPS: N38.89127, W77.02613

**Phone:**

+1 202 633 1000

**Opening hours:**

Open daily: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Dec 25: closed

On certain holidays: until 7:30 p.m.

**Admission:**

Admission to the museum is free.

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## Smithsonian Institution

The architecture in itself is beautiful, but this centre is also worth visiting for the scale model of the city.

1000 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC, USA

GPS: N38.88882, W77.02602

### Phone:

+1 202 633 5285

### Opening hours:

Opening hours of Smithsonian museums differ.

Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (in general)

### Admission:

Free entry in general. Check out the website of the particular institution prior to your visit.

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## L'Enfant Plaza

A prominent square featuring several brutalist buildings as well as one of the busiest metro stations.

L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., USA

GPS: N38.88395, W77.02422

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## International Spy Museum

A super-exciting museum that features both historical exhibits and thrilling action. Perfect for older kids.

800 F ST NW, Washington DC, 20004, USA

GPS: N38.89690, W77.02340

### Phone:

+1 202 393 7798

### Opening hours:

July 5 – Sep 1: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sep 2: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sep 3 – Nov 27: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Nov 29 – 30: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Dec 1 – 23: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For opening hours during holidays, check out the website.

### Admission:

Adults (12-64): \$19.95

Seniors (65+), Military, Law Enforcement: \$15.95

Youth (7-11): \$14.95

Children (under 6): free

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## The U.S. National Archives

One of the world's most important archives. A must-visit if you want to see the Declaration of Independence and other crucial documents.

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001, USA

GPS: N38.89287, W77.02309

### Opening hours:

Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Last admission: 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day, Dec 25: closed

### Admission:

Free entry.

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## National Air and Space Museum

A stunning free museum with many interactive exhibits to explore. Simply perfect for kids and adults alike.

6th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20560, USA

GPS: N38.88816, W77.01963

### Phone:

+1 202 633 1000

### Opening hours:

May 24 – Sept 2:

Open daily: 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: closed

Regular Hours:

10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Open daily except Dec 25

### Admission:

Admission to the museum is free.

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## United States Botanic Garden

Makes for the perfect day out. The displays, sorted by different areas, are intriguing and there is a lot to do for kids.

100 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20001, USA

GPS: N38.88807, W77.01293

### Phone:

+1 202 225 8333

### Opening hours:

Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Admission:

Admission to the botanic garden is free.

Free 45-minute highlight tours.

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## U. S. Capitol

The meeting place of the Congress and one of the icons of America as a whole. An absolute must-visit – get the guided tour.

Washington, DC 20515, USA

GPS: N38.88986, W77.00871

### Opening hours:

Capitol Visitor Center:

Mon – Sat: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Inauguration Day: closed

### Admission:

Free entry.

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## Union Station

So much more than just a station. Marvellous shops, bustling cafés, beautiful architecture and perfect atmosphere.

GPS: N38.89731, W77.00626

### Opening hours:

Retail shops:

Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sun: noon – 6 p.m.

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## Supreme Court

The majestic building is one of Washington's symbols. You can visit the court trials – just make sure to get here early in the morning.

1 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20543, USA

GPS: N38.89053, W77.00438

### Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sat, Sun: closed

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## Library of Congress

One of the world's stunning libraries. Majestic architecture, amazing collection of books and much more. Get the guided tour.

101 Independence Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20540, USA

GPS: N38.88873, W77.00457

### Phone:

+1 202 707 5000

### Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: closed

Guided tour schedule:

Mon – Fri: 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Sat: 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Federal holidays: first tour at 9:30 a.m.

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